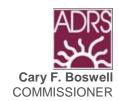


## Alabama Department of **REHABILITATION SERVICES**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Contact: Kathleen McGehee 334-293-7500 or 1-800-441-7607

## Families of children with disabilities receive emergency preparedness training

WHAT: Emergency Preparedness Training — With hurricane season rapidly approaching, Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) wants to make sure families of children with disabilities are ready for an emergency or disaster. To help, CRS is hosting a two-hour workshop on emergency preparedness featuring Tammara DeLeston, who is an independent living specialist with the Independent Living Center in Mobile and served as a disaster relief specialist during Hurricane Katrina. Eligible families will receive emergency preparedness suitcases filled with such items as a weather radio, first aid kit, flashlight, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and can opener.

WHEN: CRS office, 1610 Center St., Mobile

WHEN: Friday, May 15 • 10 a.m.

## WHO:

- · Area families who have children with disabilities
- Children's Rehabilitation Service, a division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services ( ADRS )
- CRS Mobile Parent Advisory Committee

WHY: Emergency Preparedness Training provides a service for the families of children with disabilities by helping assure they are prepared for an emergency or disaster.

Children's Rehabilitation Service is a division of ADRS and is dedicated to providing educational, medical and rehabilitation services as well as coordination and support services for children with special health care needs through projects such as the

Emergency Preparedness Training. ADRS is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.